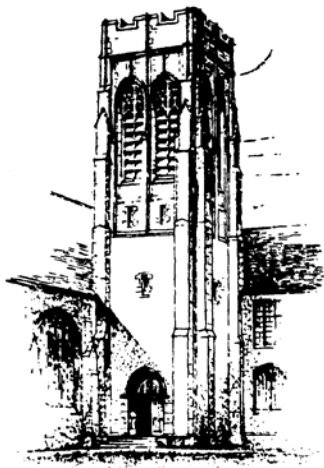


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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

**WORSHIP AND
CHURCH SCHOOL**

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.

The Beam

First Presbyterian Church, Wausau, is a family of believers, called by God, taught by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to continuing Christ's ministry within our congregation, community and world.

Thoughts from Reverend Rachel

Third time's a charm.

Originally I had scheduled my installation for December 7, but Advent preparations got in the way. The next date was January 18. NFL playoffs – Packers AND Colts – got in the way. (Actually, the real reason was that I had not met a Presbytery deadline in securing my commissioners, but it's more fun to blame it on football.)

But now March 15 is the set date. Those of you who are somewhat familiar with ancient history know that this date is known as the Ides of March. This is the date in the Roman calendar in 44 BCE when Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate – a turning point in the history of Rome. Shakespeare penned the line spoken by a seer in his famous play, *Julius Caesar*, “Beware the Ides of March.” Perhaps I should have chosen a less ominous day!

Tragic historical references aside, I assure you, my installation as senior pastor of First Presbyterian, will be a day of celebration within the life of this church. And it will become an anniversary that I will treasure. I am indeed looking forward to “officially” becoming your pastor. In the PCUSA, installations are actions performed by a governing body to put leadership in place. Sessions install Ruling Elders and Deacons for their terms of service to the church, and the Presbytery installs pastors, also known as Teaching Elders, through a commission formed for that purpose. I imagine this all sounds very official, but we Presbyterians are known for doing things “decently and in order.”

The actual installation will take place during a special worship service at 3:00 in the afternoon on Sunday, March 15. Our member Marilyn Paulson is the Moderator of our Presbytery, and she leads the commission. The other Ruling and Teaching Elders on the commission will participate in the service, including the Rev. Caroline Dennis, a dear friend who is the Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries at Second Presbyterian in Indianapolis, who will be preaching.

I hope you will attend the installation service and the reception following as we OFFICIALLY begin our journey together. Let us indeed **celebrate** the Ides of March!

Things you should know and places you should go



Sarah Henken, the PCUSA's mission co-worker in Colombia and regional mission liaison for the Andean Region (Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia) will be our guest for a conversation at First Presbyterian Church, Wausau, on Sunday, March 1st. Come and learn about her experiences and our church and presbytery support.

Sarah served as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV), attended McCormick Theological Seminary and now is a full-time mission worker. She is very familiar with our Presbytery partnership with Urabá Presbytery and served as an interpreter during the Urabá-Winnebago conference last March. She is deeply faithful, committed to the PCUSA and its international partners; she is also thoughtful, funny, and a good communicator.

Sarah is based in Colombia - she lives in Barranquilla - but her expertise extends beyond Colombia to the Andean Region. She can speak knowledgeably about world mission, and the Young Adult Volunteer program, having served as a YAV some years ago, and now supervising 3 YAVs in Colombia.

Conversation

with

Sarah Henken

March 1

2:00 pm

Here at FPC!

Church Picture Directories

Plans are in place for a NEW church directory. Lifetouch, which has incorporated Olan Mills into its company, will be taking pictures at our church Tuesday-Friday, April 21-24 from 2:00-9:00 pm and on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00-4:00 pm.

Watch for information about how to sign up on-line or at the church after worship on Sunday morning.

There is no sitting fee and for participating you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 photo.

By bringing a can of food for our Food Pantry, you will receive a \$5.00 *Feed the Need* coupon toward additional purchased photos. By signing up on-line, you will receive a \$10.00 off coupon toward additional purchased photos.

Our goal is 100% participation of our members and regular attendees.

Church Directory Pictures

Tuesday-Friday, April 21-24

2:00-9:00 pm

and Saturday, April 25

9:00-4:00 pm

From the Mission Team

You are SUPER!

Thank you for **TACKLING HUNGER** right here in Wausau on “**Souper Bowl**” Sunday. You generously donated 145 cans of soup and \$297 for our Food Pantry!

This month, you are invited to drop off **EGGS (gently!) and CHEESE** on Sundays March 8 and 15 to be given as special grocery items for our Food Pantry guests

We have three opportunities open for meal providers at the **Wausau Community Warming Center**. Information and sign up sheet are outside the Parlor.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief

to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

One Great Hour of Sharing supports these Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People as they strive to help all of God’s people find resilience, hope and faith in the face of challenging circumstances.

We can do more together!

“Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts.” (Romans 5:5)

*OGHS Offering
Received
March 25*

*Bring
Eggs and Cheese
for the Food
Pantry
on
March 8 & 15*

Small Group Activities

The Men’s Study Group meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 am in room 201. All men are welcome.

Hops and The Heavens meets at Vino Latte in Wausau every first and third Monday at 5:30 pm.

Pathfinders is a group of women finding a new path after the death of a spouse. Please contact Bitsy Hoffmann if you are interested.

Join us for coffee and conversation at Vino Latte in Wausau at 2:00 pm on March 19, **Just Because...!**

Creative Sewing will meet on Wednesday, March 18. Contact Karen Martinson with questions. All women of the church are welcome!

Moms on a Mission - For information contact Lindy Phelps.

*Join your friends
or make new ones
at one of the
small group
activities.*

March, 2015 - First Presbyterian Church

1 *Sunday Schedule 2:00 pm Conversation with Sarah Henken	2 5:30 pm Hops and the Heavens at Vino Latte	3 Noon Soup's On 1:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Team	4 ** Wednesday Schedule	5 8:30 am Men's Study Group 4:30 pm Mission Team 6:00 pm Deacons	6 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins *Sunday Schedule 2:00 pm Lenten Communion Service	9	10 5:30 pm Evening Food Pantry 6:30 pm Discipleship Team	11 ** Wednesday Schedule	12 8:30 am Men's Study Group	13 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	14
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22 *Sunday Schedule	23	24 6:30 pm In-Focus	25 ** Wednesday Schedule	26 8:30 am Men's Study Group	27 Building Closed 1:00 pm Pro Musica Rehearsal	28
29 Palm Sunday *Sunday Schedule No Sunday School	30	7:00 pm Session	8:30 am BEAM Assembly			

<u>*Sunday Schedule</u>	11:15 am New Creation Singers	<u>**Wednesday Evening Schedule</u>	<u>Office Hours:</u>
10: 00 am Worship	4:00 pm Community Supper	4:30 pm SonLights Choir Rehearsal	Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
10:20 am Sunday School	4:00 pm Footstep Fellowship	6:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal	Closed on Friday
		7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	

From the Support Team

Session has approved sending a team to the Presbytery CCCG training, which is **Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity**. There are three all-day sessions this spring which Rev. Rachel Wann, Kathy DeYarman and two other members will attend.

Just a reminder that the **Per Capita** amount per person (Active Member) is \$31.50. We are assessed this amount per active member and the \$11,686 must be paid in March. Thank you to all of you that have taken care of your apportionment. It is appreciated. If you haven't paid yours, please do so today. Thanks.

The Support Team will be providing first aide **training on the AED** machine, hopefully in the near future. Watch for information in First Notes.

Easter Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter plant in memory of or in honor of someone, please send your check made out to First Presbyterian Church and indicate Easter flowers on the check Memo Line. We need to have all donations in the church office by Wednesday, March 18th, 2015.

Month-to-Date

Income: \$54,867

Expenses: \$24,637

Year-To-Date

Income: \$96,530

Expenses: \$54,604

Per Capita to date

\$4,190.30

March Birthdays

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|---|--|
| 1 Sharyn Forbes | 17 John Klipstein |
| 2 Jeff Davis | 18 Robert Rhyner, Benna Stengl,
Samuel Reimer |
| 3 Jill Jagler | 19 Peter Heinz |
| 4 Sarah Miller, Judy North | 20 Tom Gwidt |
| 7 Minnie Moon, Marilyn McCann,
Jaime Pittsley | 21 Becky Austin |
| 8 Barbara Gwidt, Payton Black | 22 Brady Phelps, Tim Burnett,
Ginny Barkley |
| 9 Marcella Olson, Joyce Dustrude | 23 Kay Griffin |
| 10 Kennedy Bueno, Jeremy Kluever,
Joycelyn Hsu, Scarlett Hsu | 25 Steve Martinson |
| 14 Mary Anderson, Art Kimbel | 26 Dorris Doerres, Louanne Roehr |
| 15 Jennifer Vlietstra, Bryce Dively | 27 Joe Riehle |
| 16 Timothy Dively | 29 Connie Peckham |
| | 30 Robin Hugus |

***Happy
Birthday!***

From the Worship Team

The season of Lent presents us with many spiritual opportunities: for study, for prayer, and for worship. Here's a list of some upcoming special worship services you'll want to share in:

*A Service of
Installation for
Rev. Rachel Wann
and Reception
3:00 p.m., March 15*

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 pm:

Afternoon service of Communion.

Come for an afternoon worship experience with many folks who may not usually come in the morning.

(Note: This is the Sunday we return to Daylight Savings Time, another reason you may want to worship in the afternoon!)

Sunday, March 15, 3:00 pm:

A Service of Installation for Pastor Rachel Wann. Come share this very special service of celebration for our new pastor!

News of Our Members

We are saddened by the death of Mark Paulson on February 2, 2015. His funeral was held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, February 9.

We also grieve with Donna, Vivian, Joan and the rest of the Kuehl family over the death of Robert (Bob) Kuehl who died on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. A private service was held for the family on February 14.

Our sympathies go out to Jody and Chuck Schlitz and Jody's family at the death of Jody's brother.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service, March 29 at 10:00 am.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2, beginning with a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm with a communion service to follow.

Good Friday Service, April 3 at 7:00 pm, Tenebrae and prayers.

Easter Sunday:

Resurrection Sunrise service at Blue Gill Bay Park at 6:30 a.m.

Festival Worship in our Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. with communion

*Easter Lilies and Flowers: Look for the donation info for Easter flowers on the Support page, #5.

** Note: During Lent we will return the Lord's Prayer to its former place in the order of worship. For several years we included it with the Children's Message so that the children could learn it and we could pray it all together.

*Did you know you have
someone to call if you
need prayer?*

*To activate a chain of
people who will pray for
your concern, call*

*Pandora Green
(715-848-4132)*

or

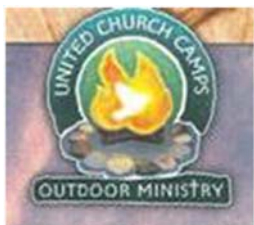
*Renata Sittler
(715-675-6211)*

Easter Breakfast

Join us for breakfast from 8:30-9:30 AM on Easter Sunday, April 5th in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would be able to bring a brunch casserole and/or coffee cakes/muffins, to help us out, please contact Pudge Kimble.

From the Discipleship Team—Christian Education



Summer can't be far away! The United Church Camps, Inc. (uccci.org) 2015 schedule and on-line registration

are now available. That means it's time to let everyone know that Winnebago Presbytery is offering camp scholarships up to one-fourth of the registration fee.

Complete a [scholarship form](#), have Pastor Rachel review and approve it, and return it to the Presbytery Office by April 15.

Scholarship Applications are now available from the First Presbyterian Church office. These scholarships are for members of FPC receiving **post high school education**. A cover letter provides the criteria for the application. Applications must be turned into the office by May 15. Contact Mary Sperduto @Sperduto_masperduto@gmail.com

Plans are underway for a **FPC Traditional Progressive Dinner** for Saturday, April 18th. Please watch First Notes and Facebook for updates.

Thanks to our Sunday School families and all who supported **Church World Service Blanket Sunday**. You donated \$730.

Presbyterian Women of Winnebago Presbytery will be gathering April 25, Saturday, at Green Bay First. The program topic will be on Human Trafficking.

Also **The Church Wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women** is being held in Minneapolis at the Hyatt Regency on June 18-21, 2015. Registration is \$395 plus lodging (costs for lodging will go up after May 29th) or a single day for \$125. Scholarships are possible. **A registration booklet is in the FPC library.** Many opportunities for Bible study, mission tours, current world topics, book studies and quiet time will be available. Questions on either of these events? See Mary Sperduto.

*Progressive Dinner
Saturday, April 18*

Watch for Details!

From the Deacons

The Deacons will once again host an afternoon communion service and reception on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 2:00. We invite you to join us to celebrate the Lord's Supper with our members who cannot always join us in the morning. Mike DeSciscio and his accordion will be with us.

If you need a ride to this event or another church service or outing, or perhaps a medical appointment, please call Andy Schell or Nick Smith. On the other hand, if you can offer a ride to our members, please contact the same folks. Thanks!

If you would like Pastor Joy and a deacon or elder to celebrate the Lord's Supper with you in your home during Lent, please give her a call at 715-573-9420.

The Deacons are looking for children to help find some hidden eggs on Easter Sunday after worship. We are calling for the help of all children through the 5th grade to find all the Easter Eggs. Please meet us in the parlor after worship for information on where to look. There will be designated areas for younger and older children to hunt.

*Lenten
Communion Service
March 8,
2:00 PM*

2015 Holy Week Schedule

*Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am Palm Sunday Service
No Sunday School*

*Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm Soup Supper with
Maundy Thursday Communion Service to follow.*

Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 5, 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service at Bluegill Bay Park

8:30-9:30 am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Easter Worship Service

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt



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